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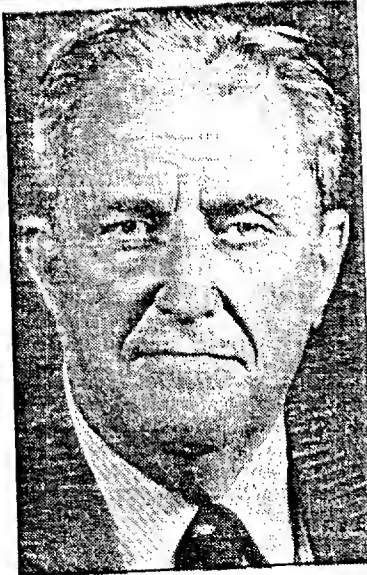
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## Reception fit for an ambassador

**G**EN. VERNON WALTERS, our new man at the United Nations, says he knows he has a tough act to follow in Jeane Kirkpatrick. But "I'm not here to fill anyone's shoes," said Walters, called Dick by his colleagues and buddies. "I'm just here to do the very best I can." The new ambassador said this at a splendid dinner party given in his honor by dynamic Mildred Hilson, the outstanding New York hostess, in a lavish suite at the Waldorf Towers, where she lives—and where Ambassador Walters will soon become her neighbor. "You don't know it," she said to Walters, "but a lot of things happen in the Waldorf elevators. I hope if they ever let me off on the wrong floor, it will be yours." Everybody laughed at the saucy minx who looked absolutely wonderful in a Givenchy of shimmering sequin Matisse-like flowers. The saucy minx is in her 80s, but you'd never, ever know it. I don't think *she* does. "I didn't want to have a pretentious, overblown dinner with everything *en croute*"—so you'll be thrilled to hear that we dined simply on softshell crabs *saute meuniere*, rhubarb sorbet to cleanse the palate, rack of lamb with rosemary and infinitesimal vegetables, green salad with assorted cheeses and embryonic wild strawberries tucked into pastry cups. "This is the first time I've eaten wild strawberries in this country," said Walters, who has been everywhere in the world often and speaks eight languages. Well, welcome to Hilson-land, Mr. Ambassador.

Henry Kissinger, who has worked closely with Walters in the past, particularly in the Vietnam and China days (Walters has been a leading diplomat and one of the big men at Central Intelligence), reminisced about the old days when Walters spirited him out of Paris on a waiting plane, giving the impression it was Pompidou's girl friend he was getting out of town. Hahahahaha—but you had to be there.

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Vernon Walters

**Walters' task:  
break alliances**

Vernon A. Walters, President Reagan's choice to become United Nations ambassador, said yesterday his first priority in his new job will be to pull apart regional alliances of nations that have opposed the United States on a broad range of international issues.

Mr. Walters, a former three-star Army general and deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which is expected to recommend his confirmation without significant opposition.

"I think a great deal can be done in breaking up the solid bloc of governments who vote against us," Mr. Walters said. "I would like to rebuild some of the majority we [the United States] used to have."

He was not specific, except to say that one issue on which he intends to work hard is reducing opposition to Israel and U.S. policies toward Israel in the international body.

If confirmed, Mr. Walters, 67, would replace Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, who had Cabinet rank.